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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 11, 2011**. Showers continued into Monday of last week from tropical storm Lee which slowed harvest activities for a few days. Lodged rice has been reported as a problem for some farmers. Armyworms have been less problematic in hay fields. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending September 11, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	99	100	99
Corn, harvested	92	83	95	80
Cotton, open bolls	78	58	91	75
Cotton, harvested	5	1	18	8
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	91	86	90	90
Rice, headed	100	100	100	100
Rice, mature	89	72	98	85
Rice, harvested	55	40	65	39
Sorghum, coloring	99	96	100	100
Sorghum, mature	92	77	100	95
Sorghum, harvested	37	28	85	68
Soybeans, setting pods	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	79	60	89	83
Soybeans, dropping leaves	58	34	75	67
Soybeans, harvested	18	7	48	40
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	33	14	23	18

Crop condition for week ending September 11, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	3	9	25	44	19
Hay	5	15	39	38	3
Livestock	0	11	38	41	10
Pasture	11	21	38	28	2
Peanuts	0	21	39	40	0
Sorghum	5	11	27	50	7
Soybeans	4	9	23	51	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	24	54	20

Comments

“Harvest is going along fairly smoothly, except for the rain early last week. Fields are dry again and combines are rolling wide open. Lodged rice has been an issue for most rice farmers, but rice yields are still suitable.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Cotton harvest should begin this week. Most of the corn and grain sorghum has been harvested. Some soybeans have been harvested, but many more acres will be ready this week.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“The small shower received in Tate County on Saturday gave the crop enough water to pull through slight drought conditions.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Rain from tropical storm Lee slowed harvest this past week. More showers popped up yesterday and will keep harvest equipment out of the field for the first part of this week. More and more soybeans are maturing and defoliated cotton is ready to pick.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“More loads of hay keep rolling toward Texas as the hay season nears the end. Cooler than normal temps have really slowed the grass growth down. After the rain many cattlemen and wildlife enthusiasts are chomping at the bits to plant winter forages. Some have already planted and I hope the armyworms don't attack the fields.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Good slow rain across the county settled the dust and will help the late soybeans somewhat. Corn and milo harvest is virtually over. Mixed yields. Cotton is starting to show signs of cutting out.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“A little defoliation went out on cotton. Armyworms have cycled out in hay fields.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Tropical Storm dumped 3 1/2 last week and over weekend. Slowed harvest on sweet potato and corn and delayed defoliation of cotton.”

— Brent Gray, YalobushA

“Except for one or two growers, corn harvest is over. Soybean and rice harvest are in high gear. Cotton harvest is slowly moving forward with most every cotton grower having now defoliated some cotton.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Soybean harvest is in full swing and yields are looking very promising. Corn harvest is 95 percent complete. Rice harvest is about 75 percent complete. Cotton harvest is moving along on schedule. Sorghum harvest should be complete this week.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Tropical Storm dropped from less than one inch to over fifteen inches of rain in this area, depending on whether it was west or east in Central MS. In the west farmers went back to work one to two days later; but in the east the soil was soaked and streams overflowed.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“We received about six inches of rain from the tropical storm Labor Day weekend.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Last week’s rains really helped pastures, ponds, and fields, but more rain is needed.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 11, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	87	49	67	77	-10	0.88	0.19	1	2.68
Cleveland	89	49	67	78	-11	0.00	-0.71	0	0.57
Lambert 5E	87	49	68			3.01	2.24	1	4.05
Tunica 2	89	51	68	76	-8	0.18	-0.45	1	2.48
Extreme/Average	89	49	67	77	-10	1.02	0.32	1	2.37
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	86	47	66	75	-9	2.50	1.75	1	3.17
Hickory Flat	85	47	64	74	-10	3.30	2.38	3	3.48
Holly Springs 4	87	47	66	73	-7	0.57	-0.27	2	1.22
Independence 1W	87	46	65	75	-10	0.47	-0.35	2	2.47
University	87	47	66	75	-9	5.65	4.81	2	6.70
Extreme/Average	87	46	66	75	-9	2.50	1.66	2	3.41
Northeast									
Booneville	83	50	65	74	-9	7.52	6.65	2	7.77
Corinth City	85	50	66	76	-10	3.84	2.86	2	3.93
Pontotoc Exp Stn	84	51	65	76	-11	3.40	2.44	2	3.66
Verona Exp	85	51	66	76	-10	5.02	4.02	2	5.08
Extreme/Average	85	50	66	75	-9	4.95	4.03	2	5.11
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	84	50	67	77	-10	0.10	-0.53	1	0.47
Moorhead	87	52	68	78	-10	1.29	0.54	3	2.00
Rolling Fork	91	50	68	77	-9	1.55	0.90	1	2.96
Yazoo City 5NNE	89	51	69	78	-9	1.90	1.27	1	3.08
Extreme/Average	91	50	68	78	-10	1.21	0.53	2	2.13
Central									
Canton	87	47	66	78	-12	5.15	4.45	2	6.38
Carthage 3SW	87	51	69	77	-8	8.82	7.98	2	9.66
Forest 3S	83	48	66	77	-11	12.25	11.34	2	13.32
Kosciusko	85	52	68	77	-9	4.60	3.76	1	5.03
Winona 5E	83	49	64	73	-9	2.54	1.70	2	3.22
Extreme/Average	87	47	67	77	-10	6.67	5.87	2	7.52
East-Central									
Aberdeen	86	52	67	76	-9	2.66	1.83	1	2.68
Columbus	84	51	68	77	-9	0.00	-0.91	0	5.76
Macon 2E	85	51	68	77	-9	7.36	6.46	2	7.42
State University	87	50	67	76	-9	5.45	4.62	2	5.91
Extreme/Average	87	50	67	77	-10	3.87	3.03	1	5.44
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	87	49	67	77	-10	6.13	5.20	2	8.63
Crystal Springs	87	52	68	78	-10	5.48	4.43	2	7.63
Natchez	86	48	67	78	-11	3.75	2.84	1	6.18
Vicksburg	85	50	67			5.67		2	6.76
Extreme/Average	87	48	67	78	-11	5.26	4.35	2	7.30
South-Central									
Collins	84	52	67	77	-10	6.45	5.47	2	9.15
Columbia	88	53	69	78	-9	5.38	4.35	2	8.76
Monticello	89	50	70	78	-8	0.00	-0.91	0	0.18
Raleigh	86	46	65			8.22		2	9.40
Extreme/Average	89	46	68	78	-10	5.01	4.03	2	9.10
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	85	52	69	79	-10	6.28	5.23	2	12.47
Laurel	86	52	68	78	-10	4.27	3.22	2	6.30
Newton Exp	82	50	67	77	-10	5.09	4.25	2	6.31
Waynesboro 2W	87	51	69	77	-8	5.94	4.86	2	7.71
Extreme/Average	87	50	68	78	-10	5.40	4.42	2	8.20
State	91	46	67	77	-10	4.28	3.43	2	5.97

DFN = Departure from Normal.